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In re Application of: Tomohiro KAWATA et al. )  
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For: SPEAKER UNIT )

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Attention: Box BPAI, Mr. Dale M. Shaw

Sir:

**REQUEST FOR REMAND TO EXAMINER**

Applicants hereby respectfully request that the above-referenced case be remanded to the Examiner. The basis for this request is that Applicants have not received any communication regarding the status of this case subsequent to the first Order Remanding to Examiner dated March 27, 2002. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner notify Applicants whether the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 has been entered in accordance with the first Order Remanding to Examiner. Applicants further request that the Examiner provide a revised Examiner's Answer clarifying for the record the current status of the claims pending on appeal upon entry of the Rule 116 Amendment.


The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be necessary, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

An early decision is respectfully and earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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